

Remarks

1. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-19, 21-24 and 26-28 are rejected as being anticipated by Livingston.

It is respectfully submitted that Livingston fails to disclose or suggest specifying a balanced media exit pattern that distributes media for the print job in a generally equal manner between different output destinations as claimed in amended independent claims 1 and 15.

Since Livingston fails to teach all the limitations of the independent claims, accordingly, it also fails to teach all of the limitations of any of the dependent claims.

2. Claims 5 and 20 are rejected as being obvious over Livingston in view of Matsie.


In order to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, the prior art references must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. It is respectfully submitted that Livingston and Matsie, either singularly or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest specifying a balanced media exit pattern that distributes media for the print job in a generally equal manner between different output destinations as claimed in amended independent claims 1 and 15. Since Livingston and Matsie fail to teach or suggest all the limitations of the independent claims, accordingly, it also fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of any of the dependent claims.

3. Claims 11 and 25 are rejected as being obvious over Livingston in view of Farrell.

In order to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, the prior art references must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. It is respectfully submitted that Livingston and Farrell, either singularly or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest specifying a balanced media exit pattern that distributes media for the print job in a generally equal manner between different output destinations as claimed in amended independent claims 1 and 15. Since Livingston and Farrell fail to teach or suggest all the limitations of the independent claims, accordingly, it also fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of any of the dependent claims.

It is believed all claims are in condition for allowance, which is hereby requested.

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